

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 5, 2022

The MEETING took place at the Swim & Racquet Center and was also conducted virtually through the Zoom platform. The meeting was called to order by CHAIRMAN Erin Wright at 5:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Craig F. Ehrnst
Steven M. Engel
Robert K. Rollins, Jr. (*attended via Zoom at 5:22 p.m.*)
Susan Vogelgesang
Erin Wright

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Art Turpel, representing SABR, addressed the agenda topic of field closures. He stated that safety is the most important thing to consider and hopes that common sense is used when deciding to close the fields.

Mr. Harold Chaffee inquired about the Miller Legg Update on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 21, 2022, at 5:15 p.m.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

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REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Athletics Staff Presentation on Field Closures

Mr. Greg Stevens, Acting Recreation Services Director for the City of Boca Raton, and Mr. Kevin Beckman, Acting Recreation Superintendent, gave a presentation on the City's field closures policies and how the City determines whether or not a field is playable after it rains or with inclement weather. Mr. Stevens explained that there is a fine balance between making sure that the public has access to the fields, making sure that the fields are safe and playable, and that no long-term damage will be done to the fields.

Commissioner Rollins joined the meeting via the Zoom platform at 5:22 p.m.

Mr. Kevin Beckman explained the different protocols for closing the clay and rectangle fields. He reviewed the ramifications of playing on wet fields, soil compaction, loss of drainage, the various tools used to help determine closures, and the multiple factors that come into play when deciding if a cancellation is warranted.

2. Boca Teeca Conceptual Master Plan Next Steps

Executive Director Harms advised the Board that the current Miller Legg Agreement is nearing the end with approximately \$64,000 in outstanding work to be completed. Director Harms and District Counsel have been in discussions regarding the next steps with Miller Legg and are contemplating the framework of a Public Private Partnership RFP and how agreements might be structured with the limitations that are on the property.

Mr. Horowitz, District Counsel advised that the Miller Legg Agreement can be amended to either increase, decrease or modify the scope of services. Ms. Harms requested direction from the Board on how they would like to proceed, to allow Miller Legg to finish out the scope of services in the current agreement or amend the agreement to include the additional scope of work to start the design work for the east side that the District will fund to develop, operate, and maintain the property. Director Harms advised that this year’s budget includes seven million dollars to start the design work on the aspects that the District will build.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to give direction for the Chair and the Executive Director to work with District Counsel to amend the Miller Legg Agreement to facilitate the design and build-out of the east side with a phased approach and continue to explore options on the West side.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the payroll and invoices as presented, totaling \$5,185,112.06.

Discussion:

Commissioner Ehrnst noted that the total amount of the invoices included three large payments to the CRA, the City’s O&M, and the Bond Debt Service payment.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

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REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director:

Gumbo Limbo Tower

The city has put the tower project out to bid, bids are due back on January 6, 2023.

Sugar Sand Park Roof

The roof bids for the community center came in on December 2nd, CGA will evaluate them and should have a recommendation by the next meeting.

Little Free Libraries

The materials for the little free libraries arrived early, the project will soon begin.

District Counsel:

Commissioners:

Commissioner Vogelgesang commended Mr. Stevens and Mr. Beckman on a great job; she reported that she had coffee with the new city council member Fran Nachlas and she is determined that the District and City Council will have a smooth relationship going forward..

Commissioner Ehrnst thanked Mr. Stevens and Mr. Beckman for their presentation and appreciates everything that the City is doing.

Commissioner Engel requested that Mr. David Ogman be added to the January 3rd agenda to address the need for more accessible playground amenities in all parks.

Commissioner Rollins reiterated that he would like the District to continue investigating options for the west side of Ocean Breeze while it is moving forward on the east side. He hopes that the city recognizes the asset that Mr. Stevens and Mr. Beckman are and that the City will put them in the positions permanently. Commissioner Rollins thanked Commissioner Ehrnst for doing a wonderful job monitoring the finances of the District.

Commissioner Wright reminded everyone about the Holiday Parade on Wednesday, December 7th at 7:30 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Sugar Sand Park Roof Bid Results
- Mr. David Ogman Presentation (January 3)

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Ehrnst to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes

Commissioner Wright Yes
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Erin Wright Chairman



Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer